Institutions for treatment during the year as against 48,105 in the previous year. One lakh, seventeen thousand, seven hundred and eight inoculations were performed against contagious diseases as against 70,203 in the previous year. The total number of animals inoculated against Rinderpest alone was 1,00,199.

5. The Director of Agriculture represented that the spread of contagious diseases among live-stock was mainly due to indiscriminate movement of infected cattle in connection with cattle fairs, and pointed out the need for introducing legislation to prevent and control the spread of contagious cattle diseases in the State. Government placed the main principles of a bill to that effect before the Representative Assembly at its last Session in September 1925. The measure had, however, to be dropped as the Assembly was opposed to the proposed legislation. The Representative Assembly did not also support the proposal for making inoculation compulsory. In spite of large additional grants sanctioned for purchase of serum and for undertaking other preventive work, it has not been found possible to effectively check the spread of rinderpest in the State. There is every hope, however, that with the adoption of the new method of inoculation called the "Serum Simultaneous Method" which is expected to give the cattle thus treated permanent immunity from rinderpest, the Department will be able to successfully combat the epidemic.

6. *Veterinary Institutions.*—Four Veterinary Dispensaries were opened during the year at Tiptur, Arkalgud, Mudgere and Shikarpur and the opening of four more at Anekal, Chamrajnagar, Tirthahalli and Hosdurga has been sanctioned during the current year. This brings the total number of Veterinary Institutions in the State to 31.

7. Government note with satisfaction that private citizens are voluntarily coming forward with offers to construct buildings for new Veterinary Dispensaries, and with the co-operation of such public-spirited gentlemen and the help of the local bodies, it is hoped that it may be possible to provide Veterinary Dispensaries ere long in all the more important taluks.

8. *Higher Veterinary Training.*—Government deputed during the year two Veterinary Inspectors to Muktesar to undergo training in Veterinary Bacteriology and Pathology at the Imperial Institute of Veterinary Research. Similarly three Veterinary Inspectors have been sent during the current year to receive post-graduate training at the Punjab Veterinary College, Lahore.

9. *Live-stock Breeding.*—With a view to rapidly improve the breed of cattle in the State, Major Simpson proposes that 200 Amrut Mahal bull-calves may be distributed free among villages each year, and that these may be withdrawn by the Amrut Mahal Department at the age of 6 or 7 years, castrated and sold and replaced by others. The Director of Agriculture is requested to investigate the question in consultation with the Superintendent, Amrut Mahal Department, and submit specific proposals for the orders of Government.

10. *General.*—The work of the Department during the year was on the whole satisfactory. There is a crying need for the opening of more Veterinary Dispensaries and strenuous work is demanded of the Officers of the Department to combat successfully Rinderpest and other diseases which levy a heavy toll on the cattle in the State. It is impossible for Government to undertake free of cost total immunisation of all cattle in infected areas because the expense is prohibitive and as legislation to prevent indiscriminate movement of infected cattle is not feasible at present. Government trust that the Department and the people will co-operate to make a success of the scheme of permanent immunisation on payment of a fee of one rupee per head of cattle which is indeed not a heavy charge for valuable cattle.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Agriculture and other Departments.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Treasuries.

READ—

Letter* No. C. Per. A. 71, dated the 29th October 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting with his remarks copy of letter No. 491—T. A. D. B., dated the 22nd September 1925, together with its enclosures in original from the Comptroller to Government reporting on the working of the treasuries in the State during the year 1924-25.

*(Printed as Annexure.)

ORDER No. R. 3246-56—R. M. 30-25-2, DATED 2ND JANUARY 1926.

Submission of Accounts.—There has been some improvement in the timely submission of the accounts by the Treasuries during the year. in 6 Districts, but Kolar and Chitaldrug Districts were again responsible for delay in this respect. All the Treasuries in the Chitaldrug District and 4 taluks in the Bangalore District had not submitted the clearance registers and statements of lapses relating to Revenue and Judicial deposits to the Comptroller, even on the date of the Revenue Commissioner's report. The Hassan District Treasury did not submit the plus and minus memo during the year. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to take suitable notice of the conduct of the officials responsible for these irregularities and issue necessary instructions for the punctual submission of the prescribed accounts and returns to the Comptroller.

2. *Inspection.*—The instructions issued in Government Order of 24th January 1924 in regard to the periodical inspection of District and Taluk Treasuries have been attended to generally in all the Districts except Bangalore. The Bagepalli Taluk Treasury was inspected only once by the District Treasury Officer. It is unsatisfactory that the Taluk Treasuries in the Bangalore District have not been inspected by the State Huzur Treasury Officer for two years. The Comptroller reports that he has arranged for the immediate inspection of all the Taluk Treasuries in the District by distributing the work between the State Huzur Treasury Officer and Local Audit Officer. The inspections should be expedited and result of action taken should be reported to Government.

3. Two District Treasuries and five Taluk Treasuries were inspected by an Officer of the Audit Department and the inspection notes were forwarded to the Revenue Commissioner. He is requested to issue suitable instructions for the early rectification of the several defects pointed out in these inspection notes.

4. The Revenue Commissioner's report is silent as regards the maintenance of the calendar prescribed in paragraph 2 (i) of Government Order No. R. 3395-404—R. M. 6-23-2, dated the 24th January 1924, in treasuries. The importance of a calendar cannot be too strongly emphasised. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to obtain information regarding their maintenance by Treasury Officers in proper form and mention it in his future reports.

As regards the maintenance of registers for noting the nature and number of irregularities committed by the members of Treasury Staff, the Revenue Commissioner's promised report is awaited.

5. *Conclusion.*—Government note with satisfaction the Comptroller's remarks that there is improvement in the working of Treasuries in regard to the punctual submission of accounts, but they wish to observe that sufficient scrutiny in the payment of bills is not being exercised and that the several defects, omissions and irregularities noticed are mainly due to want of careful attention in the Treasuries to account rules and instructions issued by the Audit Office. The scrutiny by the Treasury Staff in *re* the payments of interest on the loan bonds is neither adequate nor satisfactory. The Comptroller has emphasised the need for the Staff in District and Taluk Treasuries being manned by better qualified hands. Early action should be taken to improve efficiency by requiring them to pass the prescribed Departmental Examinations. The Revenue Commissioner's proposals promised in paragraph 10 of his report are awaited.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Rule 16 of the Land Revenue Rules.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 453-63—L. R. 209-21-4, dated the 19th July 1922, directing the addition of paragraph 3 to Rule 16 of the Rules under the Land Revenue Code *re* the disposal of beds of breached tanks for permanent cultivation by public auction.

2. Letter No. C. 1929—25-26, dated the 14th December 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that he may be empowered to order the disposal of beds

of abandoned kattes or so-called tanks with no atchkat under them, otherwise than by public auction if necessary without reference to Government and that he may also be vested with the discretion to order the disposal of the beds of abandoned tank beds proper also, for an upset price equivalent to their market value with a view to avoid the delay which now occurs in the disposal of such cases.

ORDER No. R. 3689-99—L. R. 54-25-6, DATED 25TH JANUARY 1926.

Government are pleased to accept the Revenue Commissioner's recommendation and direct that paragraph 3 of Rule 16 of the Land Revenue Rules be amended, as follows:—

'Beds of tanks finally abandoned may be given out for cultivation permanently after being sub-divided and assessed in the same manner as other unassessed lands. But all such lands should, ordinarily, be sold by public auction and the sales should be held by the Revenue Sub-Division Officer. The Revenue Commissioner may, in special cases, order their disposal for an upset price equivalent to their market value. The beds of kattes or the so-called tanks which have no atchkat under them, may be disposed of by the Revenue Commissioner in the manner he deems fit.'

2. Addenda and Corrigenda slip to the Land Revenue Rules will issue as a separate notification.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Maximum Limit of Insurance in the Public Branch.

READ—

Subject No. 5 regarding the raising from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 of the maximum limit for effecting insurance in the Public Branch of the State Life Insurance Scheme discussed at the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly of 1925.

2. Letter No. 8171, dated 9th November 1925, from the Secretary, Mysore State Life Insurance Committee, reporting the opinion of the Committee that the consideration of the question of raising the limit may be deferred till the results of the next actuarial valuation of the Public Branch Fund are ascertained.

ORDER No. FL. 4325-7—G. F. 115-25-2, DATED 1ST FEBRUARY 1926.

Government consider it advisable as suggested by the Insurance Committee to defer the question of raising the limit to Rs. 10,000 until after the next valuation of the Fund.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.